

Slow recovery at Pearlington

Hancock's oldest community slowly but surely picking up the pieces. Page 3

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St. Rose to host Food Pantry

The St. Rose de Lima Food Pantry will be open on Monday and Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. St. Rose is located at 301 South Necaise Avenue, Bay St. Louis.

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Little League Softball plays on

Hancock Little League Softball is putting together a spring-summer softball program. If you're 5-18 years old and live in Hancock County, call one of the following numbers after 6 p.m. to register: Walter, 467-6598; Frank, 323-2674; Rudy, 467-3245; or Herb, 326-7981.

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Bay, Waveland meet on merger

Town governments consider joining forces

BY DWAYNE BREMER
Staff Writer

The Waveland board room was the site of a historic meeting Wednesday evening, as officials from Bay St. Louis and Waveland

met to discuss the possible merger of services and the merging into one city altogether.

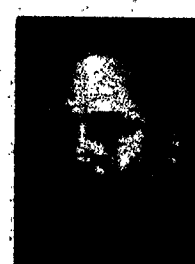
Assistant District Attorney Chris

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I think the top issue should be how to better service the people.

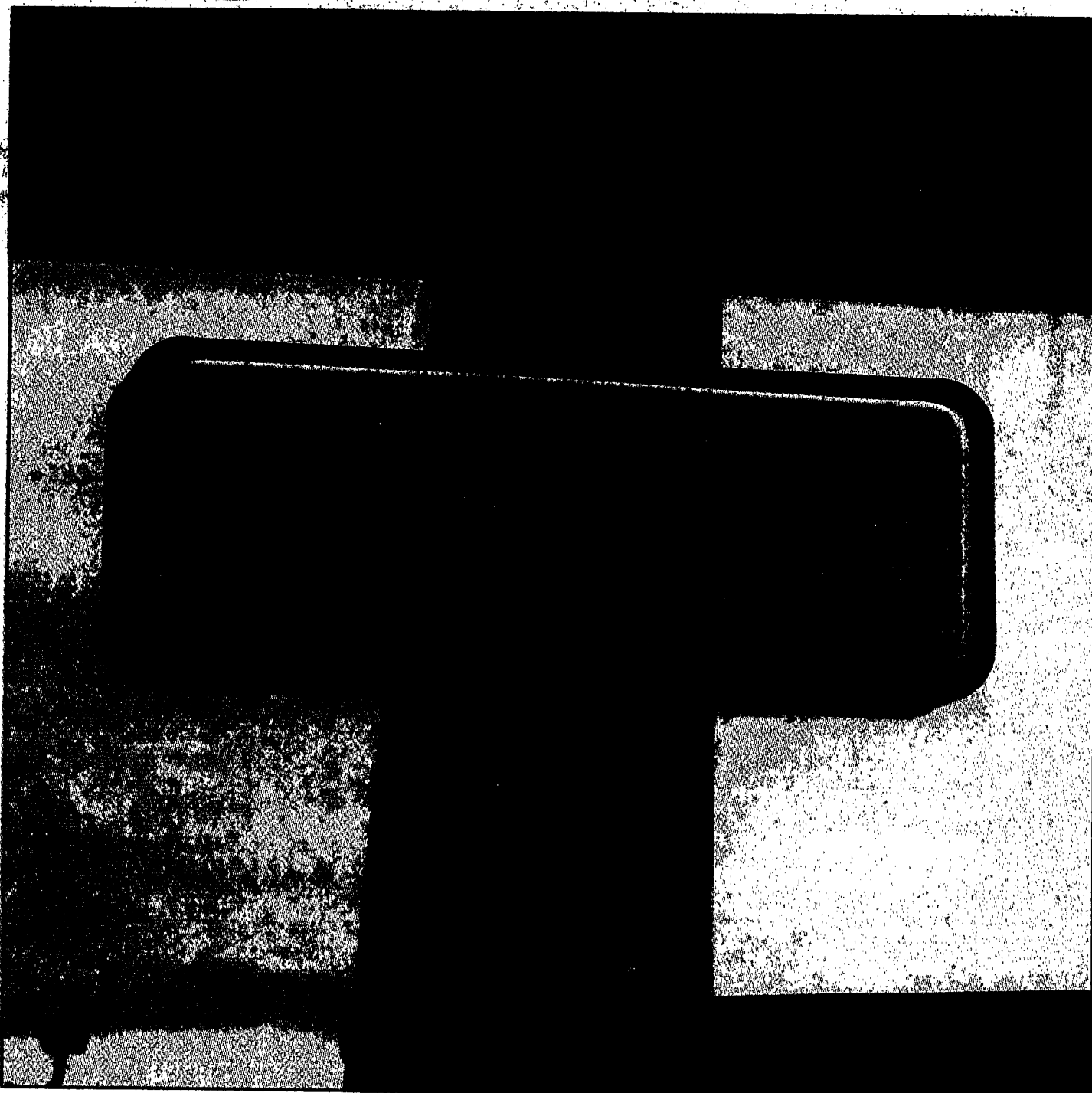
— Eddie Favre



We are not here because of crisis, but rather to see how we can best use our resources.

— Tommy Longo

Sign of the Times



Although more Hancock County residents than ever before are unemployed, the first area businesses open after Hurricane Katrina are still in dire need of more employees.

Jobs plentiful, but Hancock's unemployment rate at 21 percent

BY DWAYNE BREMER
Staff Writer

In July, 2005 Hancock County had one of the best unemployment rates in the state of Mississippi. Hancock County's 6.9 percent was the ninth lowest of 82 Mississippi counties. Six months later, Hancock County has the second highest unemployment rate in the state at 21 percent, second only to Harrison County.

According to the Mississippi Employment Security Commission there were 3,840 people from Hancock County employed in December, down from 14,470 last December.

Although these numbers are at an all time high, one could not tell this by riding down Hwy. 90. Numerous business have "help wanted" signs posted, and many businesses are set to reopen in the near

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St. Clare and BCE plan to consolidate

Some unhappy with Rodi's decision

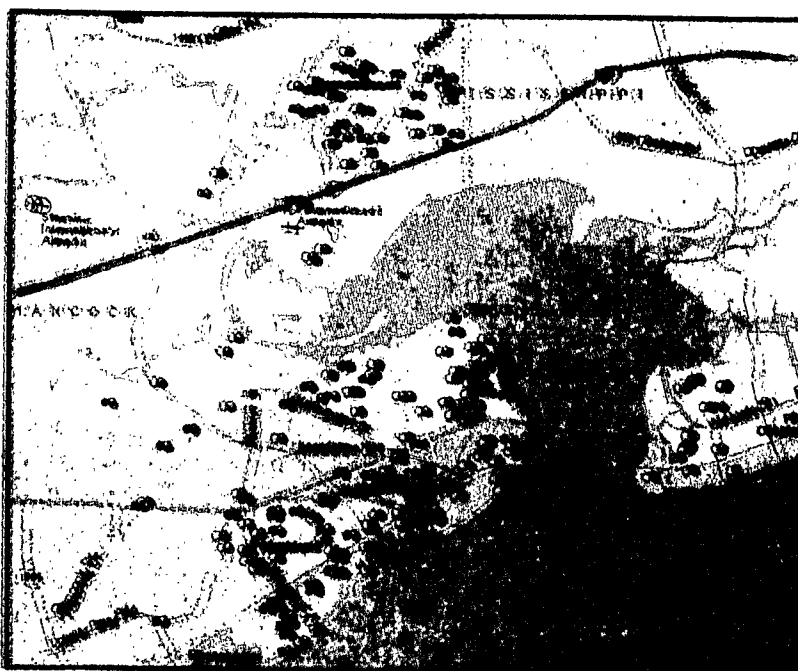
BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

Bishop Thomas Rodi's announcement Wednesday that St. Clare and Bay Catholic elementaries will be merged next year has provoked conflicting emotions —

some are happy, some are sad, and many St. Clare parents say they're just plain angry.

Rodi announced the plan at a press conference Wednesday.

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This map shows the "pre-Katrina" residence locations of students who attended St. Clare and Bay Catholic elementary schools. Navy denotes St. Clare students; red, Bay Catholic students. Diocese of Biloxi Graphic by Tom Kessler

Arrest Record

Editor's note: The following is a list of arrests logged at the Hancock county Justice Facility from Jan. 30-Feb. 2. Appearance on the jail log is not indicative of guilt, merely a record that an arrest has been made.

STAFF REPORT

Valerie Moran, 27, burglary, alias capias
Krystal Davis, 28, credit card fraud
Kurt Graves, 38, public drunk, simple possession

Patricia Thomas, 45, possession of controlled substance

Andrew Allen, 20, suspended license, no tag
Eloi Guidry, 18, reckless driving, leaving scene of accident

Raymond Rodriguez, false information, DUI, careless driving, no insurance, no D/L

Don Juan Coe, 19, possession of controlled substance with intent

Jamie Henry, 45, possession of controlled substance with intent, DUI, no D/L

Leslie Davis, 35, hold for pearl river

Desidero Chaves, 43, public drunk

Robert Hutto, 70, petit larceny

En Tudury Nelson, 20, public drunk

Brian Thompson, 35, disturbance of family

Eric Pike, 45, suspended license, no insurance, disorderly conduct

Don Kinsey, 57, domestic violence

Kristine Kinsey, 47, domestic violence

Corey Bourgeois, 25, curfew violation, simple

assault domestic

Billy Green, 24, curfew violation, DUI, disorderly conduct

Renee Eller, 18, disturbance of family

Debra Glidwell, 46, possession of controlled substance x2

Reginald Wooten, 37, public drunk, disorderly conduct

Tina Cook, 38, disorderly conduct

Jason Duffy, 32, suspended license, careless driving

Nereids ready to roll for 40th year

BY DWAYNE BREMER
Staff Writer

The Krewe of Nereids is set to roll with its annual Mardi Gras Parade on Sunday Feb. 19, at 1:00 PM. This year's parade will be the 40th year the Parade has run. The Parade will follow the traditional route from the K-Mart parking lot, east to the post office, and then back west to Our Shopping Center in Waveland.

"We feel like it's a chance to give back to the community, that has been so supportive of us," said Jeanette Handshoe of Nereids.

This year's Grand Marshal will be Congressman Gene

Taylor. There will be no court this year. 115 ladies will be riding on 10 floats this year.

"It's a miracle that our float house survived," Handshoe said. "A tornado hit our float house. We took our ten best floats, and we are getting ready."

Following Nereids will be the Krewe of Eros, with just two floats, and the Krewe of Hancock with 45 entries. The Waveland Civic Association will also have three floats.

Bay St. Louis High School and Hancock High School bands will be performing, as well as Brother Martin ROTC, and the Navy Jazz Band. "Having Nereids roll

will mean a lot to the people of Waveland, as well as people in Hancock County," Waveland Mayor Tommy Longo said. "Nereids normally is a big event for the businesses along the highway, and hopefully that will continue. I think it will be a welcomed break for everyone, and a lot of fun as well."

Krewe Of Kids rolls Feb. 11

The 28th year of the Krewe of Kids will parade Saturday, Feb. 11 at 11 a.m.

Due to debris, this year's route will take a twist. The krewe will

meet at the far end of the Winn Dixie Shopping Center. As we begin on the service road going east and cross over Hwy. 90 to parade through the Notre Dame De La Mer.

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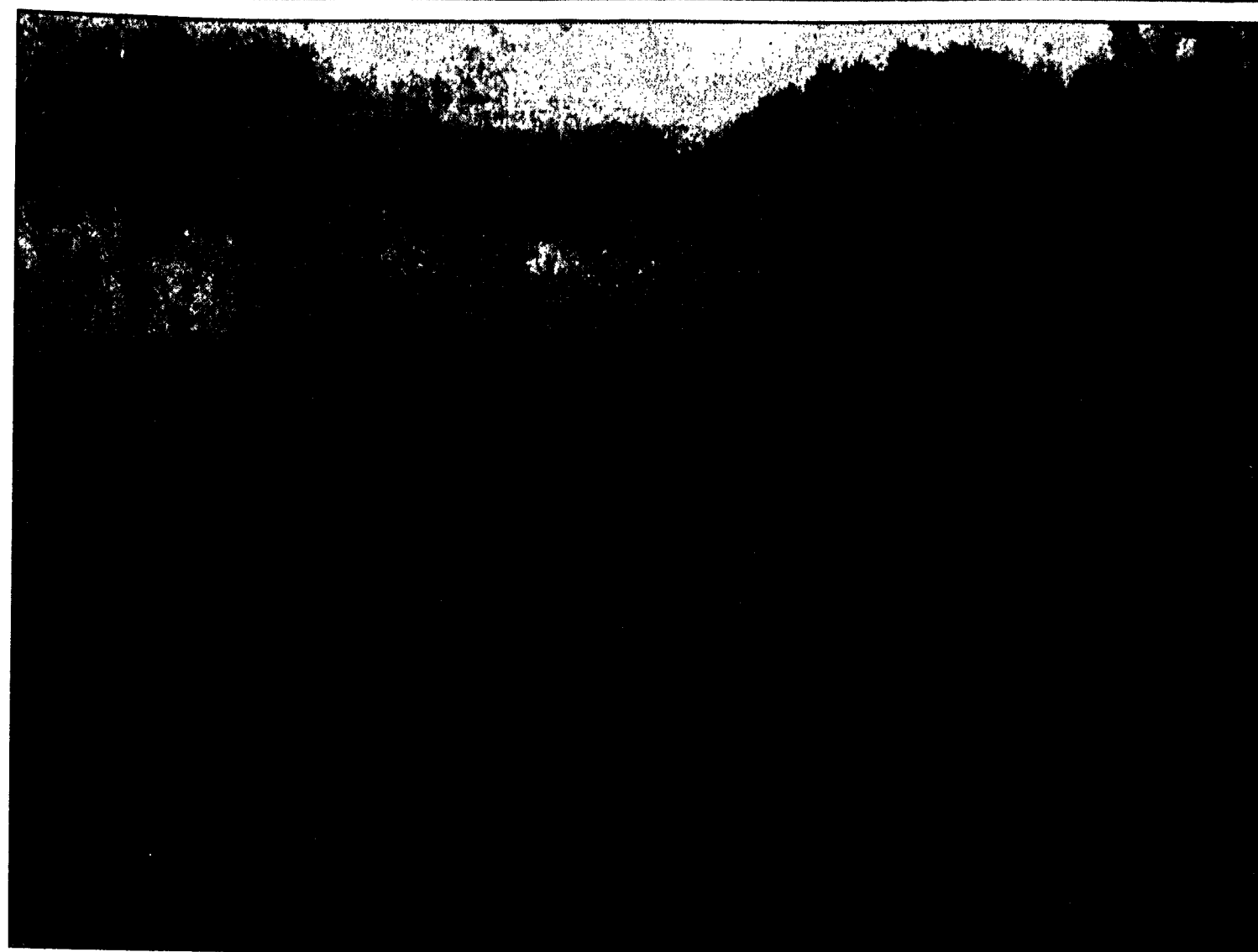
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Five months after Hurricane Katrina, debris still litters much of Pearlington, but residents say they'll be back, better than ever. Echo staff photo by Dwayne Bremer

Pearlington recovers slowly

BY DWAYNE BREMER
Staff Writer

At 9:15 AM on the morning of Aug. 29, 2005 the eye of Hurricane Katrina passed over the Pearlington community. The small town that is tucked away in the southwest corner of Hancock County was the epicenter of Katrina's fury, and five months later residents are still struggling to come to terms with the annihilation of their community.

Nearly every structure in Pearlington sustained major damage. Homes, business, and churches were not spared by the raging storm surge of the Gulf, Pearl River, and local Bayou's and waterways that produced an estimated 30 foot surge.

Despite the destruction and damage, despair has turned to hope, as Pearlington has begun to pull itself off of it's knees slowly.

"I think that the moral of the community is pretty good," said resident Jeanette Holden. "People are coping with it. At first people were just existing, but not things are looking up a little."

One major issue in Pearlington has been debris removal. Piles of debris still litter the road, along Hwy. 90 and Hwy. 604.

Hancock County Board of Supervisor President Rocky Pullman not only represents Pearlington, he is a resident of Pearlington. Pullman understands the frustration, but he believes that things are

starting to happen.

"Debris removal has been slow," Pullman said. "At first peoples patience was short, but they are doing better now. The Corps has started ROE's, and the highways are getting better, however, we still have a lot of environmental issues too."

A major complaint that Pearlington residents has, was that they had to go to Lakeshore to get their mail from the Post Office. With the help of Pullman, the Post Office has now set up boxes at the site of the old Cuevas Store.

"The Post Office boxes mean a lot to the people," Holden said. "Many of the residents out here are retired, and they either don't have transportation or it is difficult for them to get their mail anywhere else."

The "Pearl-Mart" is located at the Charles B. Murphy school. The area has been home to a distribution center, medical clinic, and the Red Cross station has been invaluable to the citizens. The area has also been the source of speculation, as the Hancock County School District has been weighing options about weather or not to demolish the School. For right now, Pullman does not see any drastic change for the area.

"Everything should remain the same for the foreseeable future," Pullman said. "The Red Cross may be pulling out in mid February, but we are seeking to find other groups, that may want to

help."

"I think that the government response has been very good," Holden said. "The clinic and distribution center has been a help to so many, and the Sheriff's Department has been out here as well."

As Pearlington moves from the clean-up stage to the rebuilding stage, many residents are wondering if they will rebuild. Pullman said that he believes that help may be on the way for everyone.

"We need help for the people that lived in the flood zone, as well as those who lived outside of it," Pullman said. "The people who have to rebuild are going to have to raise the elevations considerably. I spoke with the Governor last week, and there may be some help for those who built to the county standards, and still lost everything. People just need help right now."

As for the future, Pullman hopes that his community will rebuilt and come back stronger.

"At first we thought that we were the hardest hit," Pullman said. "After looking at the magnitude

of this thing, we know that we were not alone. I think people did pretty well in controlling the frustrations, and now we can look to the next phase of rebuilding."



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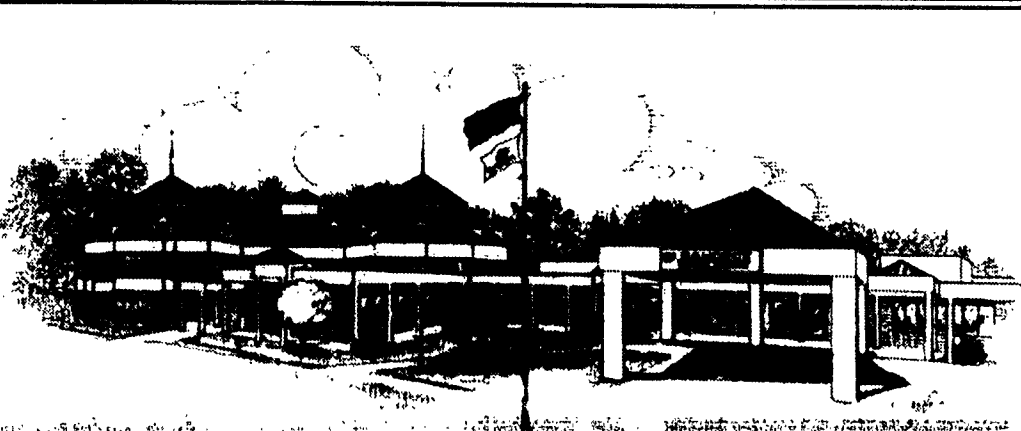
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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
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Getting better all the time

At certain times of the day, traffic on Hwy. 90 in Bay St. Louis and Waveland is starting to look like it did in the days before Katrina.

It's good to see so much highway travel, these days. One person said recently that "Traffic looks like the Bay bridge was still open."

So many things are happening, some small but important events that are real steps toward recovery.

Old businesses as well as new are starting to pen.

Hancock Medical Center is up and running with its patient load steadily growing. Babies are being delivered at HMC, and emergency room visits are increasing.

The wail of CSX freights in the wee hours of the morning is a familiar sound missed for so long.

Some people are beginning to move back into repairable dwellings; others are ready to rebuild as soon as they can find a contractor.

Volunteer groups from across the nation

are still arriving weekly.

And lately, almost every time I'm out, I run into someone I haven't seen since Katrina. It's good to see old friends and acquaintances.

We're on our way to recovery and it's a great feeling. We will be back, greater than ever.

It's good to see programs for our youngsters being reactivated.

Our library system seems to be in full swing with programs at the main Bay and Kiln branches.

The Hancock County Little League Softball is taking applications from youths from ages five-18, for the summer program. Several folks can be called after 6 p.m. for registration: Walter, 467-6508; Frank, 323-2674; Rudy, 467-3245; or Herb, 326-7981.

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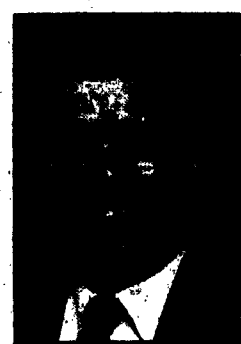
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Legislature eyes cig tax

An issue-dominated first month of the 2006 session of the Legislature took shape this week as committees of the House and Senate either approved or rejected bills introduced by members.

Most observers of the legislative process felt that the early portion of this year's session would focus more on policy issues rather than financial ones. Some monetary matters had been handled during a special session held late last year in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, and others will be resolved once other Katrina-related financial information is received this year following action by the federal Congress. Most financial matters are historically completed late in each session as we work out a next fiscal year budget.

This week, many of these policy issues were reported out of committees and some of them passed a test on the



From the MS House

by Reps. J.P. Compretta and Jessica Upshaw

House floor as we looked to the session's next major deadline -- Feb. 9 for initial floor action. The floor action will be heavy this week to meet that deadline.

Another major highlight of the fifth week of the session was on Thursday as we honored the 155th Brigade Combat Team of the Mississippi National Guard that recently came home from Iraq.

Here is a sampling of specific bills that we handled in either committee or the floor this week:

HB 1379 would implement a "money follows the person" process by which Medicaid would provide more

funding for home and community-based services for some recipients. Under the plan, a preadmission screening process for nursing home facilities would inform patients about the possibility of instead using the home and community-based alternative services.

HB 551 would require that a DNA test must be administered to anyone who is to be tried for capital murder or any other crime that is punishable by death.

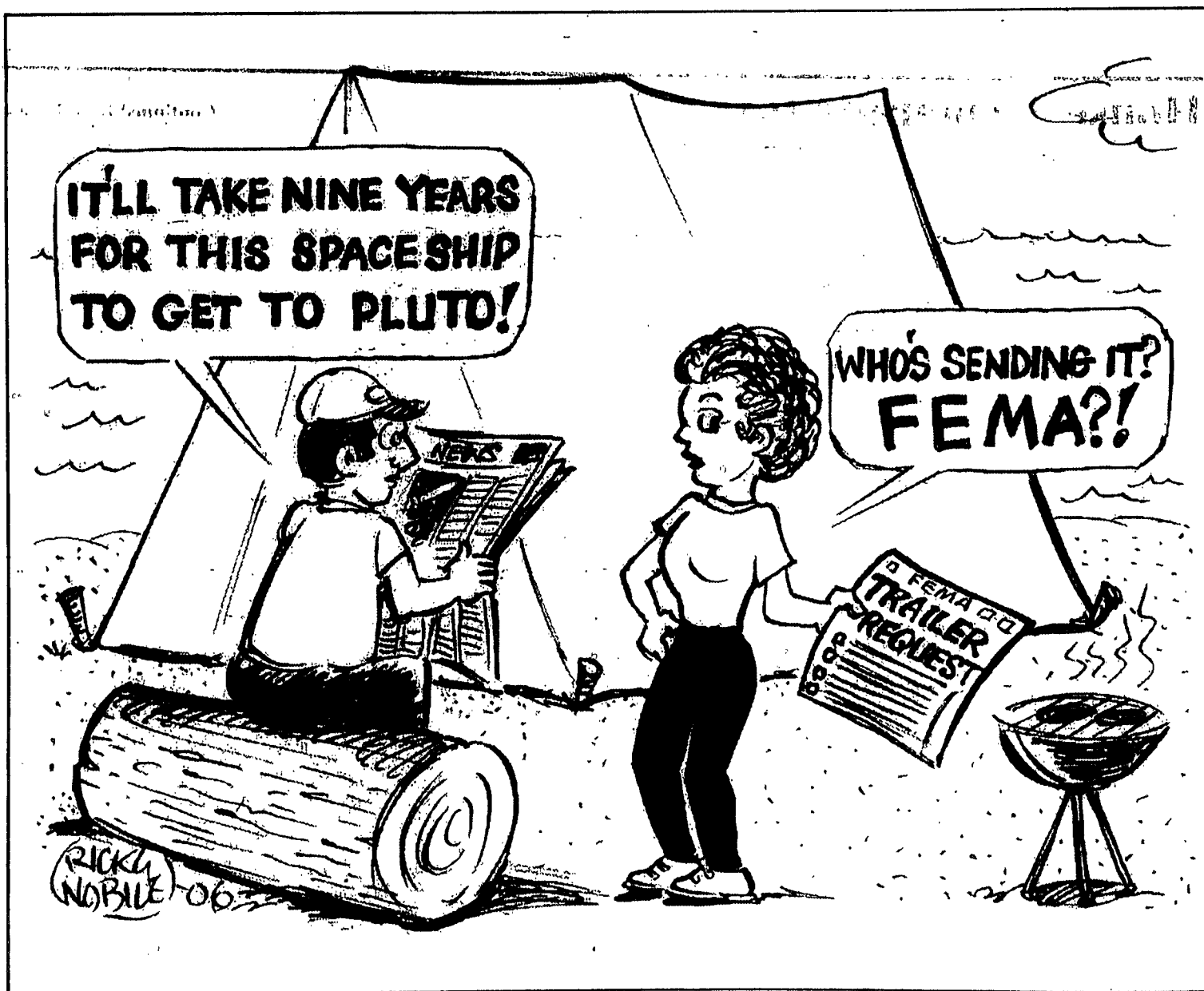
HB 1495 for \$14.5 million in bonds to make major repairs to the Old Capitol Building, which houses the state's historical museum. Already in

disrepair, the facility at the east end of Capitol Street in downtown Jackson suffered more damage during Hurricane Katrina. Work to be done includes landscaping, sprinkler system, new carpet in the House and Senate chambers, replacing or cleaning of exterior brick, damp proofing and drainage improvements. The Old Capitol, opened in 1832, just 15 years after statehood, was termed the state's "crown jewel historical property" during debate.

HB 929 authorizing wildlife officers to perform alcohol and drug tests in hunting accidents.

HB 215 would revise the formula under which the state's 152 public school districts would receive their state funding. The formula is the result of numerous public hearings and a legisla-

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Does it take disasters to wake us up?

A frenzied, careening caravan of fire trucks pulled up to the imposing hurricane fence around the Sago mine at Tallmansville, W. Virginia. Coming to a screeching halt at the big gates, the trucks idled while the drivers puzzled over the locked gates. Despite their loud protests, it would be 11 hours before they would be admitted into the mine.

Rules, rules, rules! And now the whole world knows that any chance the 12 miners who perished in the flash fire and deadly gases



Reflections on Life

by Father Jerome Ledoux

might have had was squandered by the 11-hour-delay caused by the mine officials' enforcement of a silly rule. Obviously, that rule was not a safety rule, but an officious rule there for the sake of empty protocol.

With each miner having an emergency packet

containing only one hour of good air, every minute is crucial when something has sparked a methane explosion which can kill outright if someone is near, and which heats and poisons the air to life-threatening levels.

Since October 2005, the U.S. Mine Safety and

Health Administration has issued 50 citations to the Sago mine, some as recently as December 21, including citations for accumulation of combustible materials such as coal dust and loose coal.

Somehow, this has the sickening, familiar ring of levee oversight in the New Orleans area, which turned out to be not the overseeing of the levee system but literally a tragedy of, "Oh, I'm afraid that was a negligent oversight by rank amateurs half asleep!"

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It is unfortunate that oversight has the double entendre of overseeing and not seeing at all.

With 50 citations in some 60 days preceding the Sago mine disaster, who was minding the mine officials who were supposed to be overseeing life-and-death items such as the presence of coal dust, loose coal, and working vents which continually siphon out the old air, not to mention the deadly methane gas steadily accumulating in all mines?

The coal mine parallel with the levee systems around New Orleans and in central and northern California is disconcerting and frightening. Propped up mostly by complacency and apathy, coal mine oversight or levee system oversight amounts to a literal oversight of overlooking which does not close the barn door until the horse is out of the corral.

Only God knows how many people were lost in the Katrina floodwaters when FEMA refused to accept rubber rafts and rescue aids offered them by the Department of the Interior. That terrible information is just now beginning to surface after five months. For the first day following the storm, some of the best rescue equipment was not on hand.

Thank God, there is some rational movement as we go into the sixth month after the wind

blasts and floodwaters of the evil twins Katrina and Rita. Evacuation plans are falling into place for the use of school buses, tour buses, rapid transit buses, Amtrak and all available means of conveyance to get people out, even if only to nearby Hammond.

Preferred vehicles for the transportation of evacuees, rationalizations for the need of a predetermined destination to situate evacuees, and excuses upon excuses for not invoking martial law to physically remove everyone to safety are becoming moot issues. Just get the citizens of New Orleans out of the bowl! Go figure later for the next steps.

Speaking of alert oversight, a FEMA employee was grilling someone whose car had been under 8-10 feet of water for two weeks. After writing all the pertinent information, the agent advised the flood victim: "We need a mechanic's report on your car." That incident will surely do if you need something to shake your head about today.

Even as we write, there are congressional hearings taking place in Washington, D.C. on the role of Mayor C. Ray Nagin, the New Orleans Police Department and other officials in the management of the city during and after Katrina. The one question

throughout the hearings is: "What went wrong?"

There is something categorically -- category 5 -- wrong with this picture when the biggest question afloat five months after the landfall of Katrina is, "What went wrong?"

While this belabored, overworked question aims to satisfy the finger-pointing penchant of a special U.S. senate committee, the same senate holds back on full aid to storm victims.

Southwest Air Lines is one of the great success stories of this country where we see how a large corporation is doing practically everything right. For the first time in its

37-year-old history, Southwest suffered its first-ever fatality when a 737 skidded off the snowy end of a runway at Midway Airport in Chicago on December 8, 2005.

Even then, the problem stemmed from our faulty airport system wherein hundreds of airports around the nation lack a buffer zone or other safety measures to guard against overruns such as that of the 737 at Midway. In other words, the runways are too short. And the solution? Longer runways, evidently, buffer zones and other safety measures.

With its 6,500-foot runways, Midway lacks 1,000-foot buffer zones

at the end of its runways, just as nearly 300 other U.S. commercial airports around the country. Midway is all of one mile square, having been built in 1923 during the propeller era.

So, we need longer runways and/or beds of crushable concrete at the runway ends. Called beds, or Engineered Material Arresting Systems (EMAS), they have stopped three dangerous overruns three times since May 1999 at Kennedy Airport in New York. So, why is this effective system in place at only 18 runways of 14 airports? Apathy? Money?

And how do we swallow this pill? A secret Pentagon report found that at least 80 percent of marines killed from upper-body wounds could have survived if they had extra body armor which was available since 2003, but until now the Pentagon refused to give.

"Am I My Brother's Keeper?" we ask one more time. Wherever we are and whatever our profession, line of work or activity, do we pull our weight in providing useful oversight of the activities of our sisters and brothers? Will it take another disaster to awaken and alert us to the minefields and obstacle courses inherent in our daily lives?

House -- cigarette tax

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tive study of the process held last year. The formula would spend about \$20 million more annually than the state spends under the current funding formula. It particularly takes into account the funding for high-growth districts and those with declining growth. The formula sets the base student cost for a four-year period to provide a more stable budgeting process for the districts.

HB 308 permits school districts to make available surplus textbooks to home schooled kids.

HB 605 requires districts to notify K-12 teachers whose contracts will not be renewed to notify them on or before April 15, or within 10 days after the Governor signs the K-12 appropriation bill for the next school year, whichever is later.

HB 698 requires children between 12 and 16 years of age who have not successfully completed a hunter education course must be in the presence of a hunter who is at least 21 years old when hunting.

HB 1115 would appropriate \$20 million annually to the Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi, an organization formed

when the state settled its lawsuit with the tobacco industry with the goal of reducing smoking in the state. The group has been a lightning rod for controversy because a state court had directed the funding instead of the Legislature.

Gov. Barbour filed suit to end that arrangement and to have the money flow through the normal legislative process. The State Supreme Court has not issued a final order on the lawsuit.

HB 1406 would require the counties of Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, George, Stone, Perry and Pearl River to enforce the 2003 International Residential Code and the Guidelines for Hurricane Resistant Construction and the FEMA Coastal Construction Guidelines for Flooding. The bill

also would create the Mississippi Building Codes Council to review and adopt State Building Codes and implement a training program for code enforcement officials.

HB 1215 would lower the minimum percentage of light required for automobile windows that have been tinted after delivery from the auto

factory.

HB 1130 would create the Mississippi Virtual Public School Program to allow a school to use technology to deliver a significant portion of instruction via the Internet. The State Department of Education would designate one such school for the 2006-2007 school year. The bill also creates a dual enrollment system to allow high schoolers to earn college credits.

HB 845 to designate Paul Ott's "I Am Mississippi" as the official state poem.

HB 1046 allowing out of state "state banks" to establish branches in Mississippi as long as their is a reciprocity agreement in place. Federally-chartered banks can already cross over.

HB 1070 to impose a fee on cigarettes sold by companies that did not participate in the state's settlement with the national tobacco industry. The fee would be increased by 43-cents per pack on these cigarettes, netting the state about \$15 million a year. Of that, \$10 million would go to a cancer center at University Medical Center, some to cover

uncompensated care at the Jackson hospital and the rest to support the state's four Veterans Nursing Homes.

HB 707 would ban "scratch off" telephone cards that are in reality lottery tickets offering hefty prizes. An amendment to create a lottery in Mississippi was ruled out of line.

HB 242 tightens rules on Class A charity bingo operations. They could not spend any of the charity money on the bingo game itself, must have a five-person board of directors not related by blood and the bingo operation and the charity must maintain separate books.

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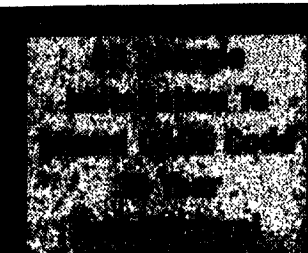
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Merger -- BayLand

Schmidt acted as the moderator for the event that was attended by Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre, Waveland Mayor Tommy Longo, the Bay St. Louis city council and Attorney, as well as the Waveland Board of Aldermen and Attorney. About 50 residents attended the meeting as well. The meeting was not open to public feedback.

The meeting came about after much public and private discussion about the two cities uniting after Hurricane Katrina. Officials recently agreed to meet, and the forum was the first public discussion about the situation.

"This is a historic meeting," said Waveland Mayor Tommy Longo. "This is our first discussion about making this happen. We are not here because of crisis, but rather to see how we can best use our resources. There are other areas that we can combine resources to better serve our citizens."

Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre echoed some of the remarks made by Longo.

"We are not looking at this from a financial situation," Favre said. "Now is the time for it, we are still in the infant stages of rebuilding. We need to reach a consensus on whether or not we want to proceed. I think the top issue should be how to better service the people. Before we pull the trigger on any kind of study we need to know if we are going to be willing to take the next step. We owe it to our people to give an honest open look at this."

Schmidt explained that both cities already shared a number of inter-local agreements, such as the Bay-Waveland School District, Waste Waster and Solid Waste, the Animal Shelter, the 911 emergency dispatch, the Bay-Waveland Library, and the Bay-Waveland Drug Task Force.

The agenda for the meeting called for officials to look at several services that would be affected such as Public Works, Police and Fire, Administration and Personnel, Utilities, Court, Zoning, and Building Codes. After the guidelines for the meeting were set it was the members change to speak, some were more vocal than other.

"I'm for the whole ball of wax," said Waveland Alderman Brian Schmidt. "This is unique opportunity to build one of the finest communities on the coast."

"I once thought that, having two cities duplicate the same services is a waste of money," said Bay councilman Jim Thriffley. "I think our community will come back similar to Key West Florida, and there is tremendous opportunity here."

Other members took a more cautious approach.

"Waveland is near and dear to my heart," said Alderman Mark Thomas. "It's an injustice to the citizens not to think about this, but I feel it should be the citizens decision on total merger."

"I think we need to constrict ourselves to the consolation of services right now," said Bay councilman Billy Taylor. "Let's work hard on that, and we can talk about total merger at a later date."

Councilman Doug Seal and Alderman Santo Saucier also stated that they believe a public vote should decide on the question of total merger.

One question that arose from the discussion of services was building codes: "It's been difficult for contractors to get on the same page, when they have three sets of criteria to follow," Longo said.

"I think it would be a great idea to have one set of building codes," Taylor said.

On the question of public works, Longo explained that the cities already shared equipment and resources through inter-local agreements.

After most of the issues were discussed the Bay St. Louis delegation presented an idea of having a feasibility study and needs study done to see what the strengths of both cities are, and how a merger would affect each city.

Mayor Eddie Favre said study that could be done by the Stennis Institute at Mississippi State University. Favre said that he had already been in contact with the Stennis Institute, and they were offering the study at no cost.

"I spoke with Mr. Marty Wiseman of the Stennis Institute in November, and he said that he believes there is funding to do a study on the feasibility of this. We are ready to go forward with the study."

The Waveland delegation reacted to the proposal with caution, and agreed to meet with Wiseman at another meeting, but not to go forward with the study just yet.

"We need to see if this is going to cost anything," Longo said.

"We all want to move forward cautiously here," Brian Schmidt said. "Let's invite him, Wiseman, to a workshop."

The meeting was then adjourned, and member agreed to meet again, although no specific date was set.

"I was pleased with the open communication, I liked that a lot," Longo said. "I think there is a great deal of caution on both sides."

"It was good discussion," Favre said. "I feel that we also need to bring the county to the table on certain issues as well. We are hopeful for future discussion."

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Jobs -- help wanted

future. Most business are not staying late due to lack of help. A sing at the newly opened Waffle House in Waveland said "Open until 9:00 PM, depending on staff."

Despite the lack of employment in the county, the Mississippi Employment Security Commission has a number of jobs to choose from.

"We have at least 80 jobs right now that we have received offers for," said Ann Ladner of the Employment Security Commission.

The commission, which was located on Longfellow Drive prior to the storm, has been relocated to the Coast Electric offices behind the Shell Station in Bay St. Louis. The office has additional staff, and Ladner said that the office has been receiving steady job offers, but there are not a lot of people coming in seeking employment.

"We have only been getting about five people a day come in seeking employment," Ladner said.

Many residents have been getting unemployment, which last for 26 weeks. Those on unemployment will be seeing their benefits run out in the upcoming months. Ladner warns that people should not wait until that runs out before seeking employment.

"It's just going to be another hardship. Right now you can choose what you want, later these jobs may not be here," Ladner said.

One industry that has struggled to gain sufficient help is the food industry. The Sonic in Waveland was the first fast-food restaurant to reopen, and their increase in business has forced drastic measures in hiring.

"We have probably had three times the business that we had prior to

the storm," said Denise Williams a daytime manager.

Sonic is offering up to \$12.00 per hour for daytime workers, and Williams said that they are still in need of help.

"Right now our employment status is good, although I think they still need some people," Williams said. "We have enough people to stay open later. Business has not really slowed down even though other places have opened."

Another big employer in need is the construction industry. With all of the construction in the area, local contractors have had to yield work to outsiders because of lack of help.

"For the first few months after the storm, we had more work than help, labor was the biggest issue," said Travis Foreman of Foreman Professional Contracting.

Foreman said that his

business has increased about 60 percent, and he expects another surge when people begin to rebuild their homes.

"Right now we are in a lull between roofing and construction," Foreman said. "Just in the last three to four weeks we have been able to get our staff up to 100 percent."

Foreman believes that many people are not working because they don't have too, and that pretty soon, there will be an influx back into the workforce.

"People have got their FEMA money and unemployment, but that stuff is drying up," Foreman said. "Things will be coming back to reality, and this will make people go back to work."

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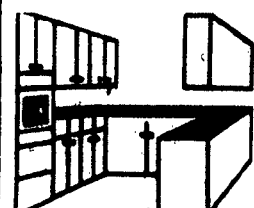
Of course, Hancock Supervisor Lisa Cowand, grand marshal, will be taking names and phone numbers of children ages 5-12 to be included in the lucky draw for king and queen. Send information to Lisa Cowand, North Beach, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

The normal Cedar Point route will be changed.

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Junior Miss program to continue in Hancock despite storm's effects

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America's Junior Miss is pleased to announce that, despite obstacles faced as a result of Hurricane Katrina, local programs in Mississippi will proceed as scheduled in February and March.

Local Junior Miss programs will take place for Pascagoula, Gautier, Moss Point, Hancock County, East Jackson County, and West Jackson County. Approximately 60 girls participate in these programs, and a total of \$20,000 is awarded for college scholarships. The winner of each local program will go on to compete at Mississippi's Junior Miss competition in July.

The local chairpersons of these programs are facing enormous personal challenges as a result of devastating Hurricane Katrina. Some have lost their homes, and all are suffering from the effects

of the storm. Still, all are firm on the decision to proceed with the local programs. Hampton Thames, State Chairman of Mississippi's Junior Miss program states, "The local chairmen are determined to hold their local Junior Miss programs, despite their personal situations. I really admire their dedication to the AJM program and the young women who participate."

Mississippi's Junior Miss program is based in Meridian. Representatives from the state headquarters are determined to do whatever it takes to guarantee that the local programs in these areas go on as planned. To ensure that each of the participants has the full AJM experience, the chance to win college scholarships and the opportunity to become America's Junior Miss, the state program will donate \$1,000 to each of the six local pro-

grams. The state and national programs will send volunteers to the venue cities to help execute the local programs. In addition to assistance from the state and

national programs, the Lincoln County and the Greene County Junior Miss programs will donate money to ensure that the six local programs are successful. Becky Jo Peterson, AJM Executive Director, noted, "With so much devastation as a result of the storm, the chance to bring some hope to these communities is something we just can't pass up."

Mobile area residents are rallying around the America's Junior Miss program and doing their part to make sure that Mississippi has the resources it needs to proceed with local programs in the affected communities. Wintzell's Oyster House, a Mobile landmark, will be donating food for the contestants participating in these local programs. Several AJM board members also made personal donations to ensure the success of the programs in these areas. Eric Patterson, AJM Board of Directors President, stat-

ed that "The America's Junior Miss program provides enormous opportunities to young women across the country. It is our privilege to make sure that those affected by Hurricane Katrina receive the same opportunities."

The Junior Miss local programs for Gautier, Moss Point, East Jackson County, and West Jackson County will take place in February and local programs for Pascagoula and Hancock County will take place in March. The national finals will take place in Mobile, Alabama June 28-30. Major sponsors of America's Junior Miss are Tyson Foods, Busch Gardens, Sea World, the City of Mobile, Mobile County, The Mitchell Company, Mobile Gas, and Regions Bank.

The mission of America's Junior Miss is to emphasize education by providing scholarship opportunities to outstanding, college-bound high school girls, and to encourage personal development in all young people through the Be Your Best Self outreach program.

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Antique flat irons on display at Kiln

When Orvin Coole retired from the Air Force twenty years ago, he and his wife, Juanita, traveled the United States collecting "things." One of their collections, more than 50 antique irons, is currently on display at the Kiln Public Library.

Some of the irons are more than 100 years old. Metal pans filled with charcoal were used to smooth fabrics in China in the first century BC. Then, in the 17th century, thick slabs of cast iron, pie shaped with a handle, heated in a fire, began to be used -- some weighing as much as 18 pounds. In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, there were many irons used which were heated by a fuel such as kerosene, alcohol, whale oil, natural gas, carbide gas, or even gasoline. These latter were considered fire hazards, and often blew up or exploded. Many tedious hours were spent "over a hot stove" ironing in days past. It was a never ending task before the days of "wash and wear" and some matrons were know to not only iron the clothes, but table linens, bed linens and even underwear. The public is

invited to view the display at the Kiln Public Library. They will remain on display through the end of February.

Tax help at library

VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) and AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) will both provide free tax assistance at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County and Kiln Public Libraries. Electronic filing is available from both groups.

VITA provides assistance from 3-7 p.m. at the Kiln Public Library on Tuesdays, and from 3-7 p.m. at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library on Thursdays.

Beginning February 2, the AARP Tax Aides will provide assistance

on from 9 a.m. - 1p.m. Tuesdays and Saturdays at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library, and from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Thursdays at the Kiln Public Library.

Irish Lassies meet

"Irish Lassies" of Bay/Waveland area are to meet Thursday, February 9 at 6 p.m. in Waveland. Please attend, as preparations for St. Patrick's Day are on the agenda. All new members are welcome. R.S.V.P. Paula at 228-229-4306.

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Obituaries

**HELEN BOUNDS
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HELEN BOUNDS
Helen Jones Bounds, 93, of Picayune, MS died Monday, January 30, 2006 in Clinton, MS.

She was a homemaker and member of Weems Chapel United Methodist Church.

Survivors include three grandsons, Eddie Bounds Jr., Garry Jolly and Chris Carter; and seven granddaughters, Sharon Bounds, Angela Lymuel, Gail Bounds, Judy Bounds, Mary Bounds, Tracey Boyd and Concelia Jolly. She is

preceded in death by a husband, Sammy Bounds; and two sons, Gary Lee Bounds and Eddie Lee Bounds, Sr.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, February 4, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. at Weems Chapel United Methodist Church. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

JOSIE BRIDGES

Josie Lee Bridges, 70, of Picayune, MS died Thursday, January 26, 2006 in Picayune.

She was a retired cook and member of the Pilgrim Bounds Baptist Church, and a member of the Usher Board. Survivors include a husband, W.C. Bridges of Picayune; a son, Curtis Charles Bridges of Picayune; three daughters, Rosa Wilkerson, Angela Lewis, both of Picayune and Brenda Bridges of Portland, OR; a mother, Dessie Quenn of Picayune; three sisters, Lee youngblood of Picayune, Ms. Eloise Larry of Jackson, MS, and Thelma Quinn of Tylertown, MS; two brothers, Mac Quinn of Picayune and Cullen Quinn of Tylertown, MS; eight grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, February 4, 2006 at 12:00 noon at Pilgrim Bounds Baptist Church. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

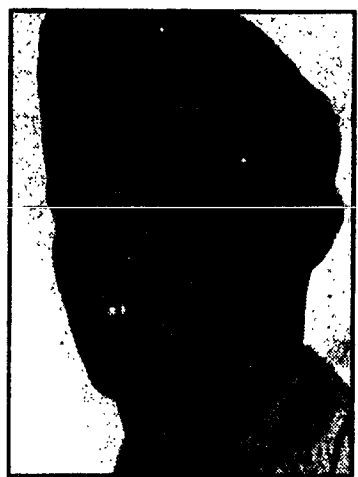
JOICE MARIE LOTT

Joice Marie Lott, 55, of Picayune, MS died January 27, 2006 in Hattiesburg, MS.

She was a social worker for HUB and a member of St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church. She is preceded in death by father and

mother Henry Allen Lott and Minnie Lott, and a brother, Jerry Lott. Survivors include two sons, Matthew Lott and Jonatha Lott, both of Picayune; two daughters, Allison Lott and Tracy "Niki" Lott, both of Picayune; two brothers, Marrien Lott and Rodney Lott, both of Picayune; one sister, Virginia Coley of Deridder, LA; and six grandchildren.

Her graveside service was held Thursday, February 2, 2006 at 1:00 P.M. at St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church.



JOHN PRESTON

John Cronan Preston, age 80, passed away Friday, January 20, 2006 in Nixa, MO at the home of his grandson.

Mr. Preston was born Friday, February 13th, 1925 at home in his grandfather's funeral parlor. A native of New Orleans= Irish Channel and a graduate of S.J. Peters High School and Delgado Community College, Mr. Preston was a resident of Pass Christian Isles, MS for 33 years. He proudly served in the U.S. Marine Corps Air Guard, Philippine Islands, South Pacific during WWII. He was a retired chemical engineer who worked at Kaiser Aluminum=Chalmette plant as well as their plant in Nova Scotia, Canada.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Evelyn Stakes-Young Preston and his father, John Edward Preston.

Mr. Preston is survived by his loving wife,

Sallie Charline Lorence Preston; son, John Edward Preston and spouse, Andrea of Costa Mesa, CA; daughter, Sharon C. Youmans and husband Brent of Steep Hollow, MS; son Paul G. Preston and wife Tara of New Orleans, LA; grandchildren: Tracy Preston (New Orleans,) Stephanie Preston-Barbe and husband Chris Barbe (Chicago), Todd C. Fields and wife Michele (Nixa, MO,) Sallie C. Koenenn and husband Yancy (Kiln, MS,) Matthew Preston (Boone, NC,) Gregory, Amy and John B. Preston (New Orleans,) great-children: Meagen, Mallory and Gabrielle Fields; Christopher, Cameron and Amber Koenenn; sisters Evelyn Lapouble and Joan Reeves of Mandeville; along with many beloved nieces and nephews.

On Saturday, February 11th from 2-4 p.m. there will be a private gathering for family and friends at the home of Paul and Tara Preston. All friends and loved ones are encouraged to attend.

Adams Funeral Home of Nixa, MO arranged Mr. Preston's cremation. A private burial will take place, for family only, in the future.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to your choice of the following non-profit organizations: The National D-Day Museum, 945 Magazine Street, NOEA 70130 (504) 527-6012 ext.340, www.ddaymuseum.org membership >tribute gift;= The Friends of Saint Alphonsus (Irish Channel Church and Cultural Center), PO Box 57143, NOLA 70157 (504) 524-8116, www.stalphonsus.org or to Lance Armstrong Foundation= Austin ride participant and cancer survivor Tracy Preston=s donation account at 877-743-3577, www.live-strongride.com.

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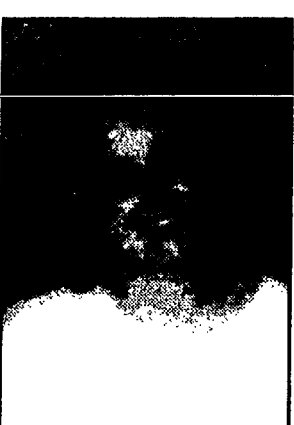
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Sports

Bay & OLA score shutouts in first round soccer games

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
Staff Writer

The Bay High Tigers (9-4-2) and the Our Lady Academy Crescents (11-3) both scored first round shutouts in the state soccer playoffs on Tuesday, January 31st.

The Tigers continued a season of firsts with their first-ever playoff victory on Tuesday night against Stone County.

Bay High jumped on Stone County 2-0 before halftime and kept up the pressure as they ended the scoring onslaught with a 5-0 victory. The offensive surge by Bay High was led by Ricky Manieri's hat trick.

Marcello DeSousa started off the Tigers' charge with a rocket unassisted off the crossbar about 28 minutes into the game.

Manieri scored his first goal of the night about two minutes before intermission on an unassisted breakaway.

Manieri added the first and third goals of the second half with Kyle Moran adding an unassisted goal in the middle. DeSousa also had two assists on the night while Chris Billingsley and Josh Sick each had one. Brennan Adam tallied the shutout in goal.

Bay High coach Chris Doxey stated, "It was exhilarating to get that first playoff victory past you. Now, we have to get past that game and start focusing on our next opponent. We do not have the experience that other teams have in the playoffs but we have relished the role of the underdog all year and we will continue to do so. Hopefully, Bay High will now start to get recognized for their soccer across the coast."

The Tigers will play

on the road against Florence on Saturday, February 4th. If the Tigers win they will play the winner of the Gautier/Petal game for the South State championship on Tuesday, February 7th.

Our Lady Academy has been a division champion for 10 consecutive years and are currently chasing their seventh consecutive state championship. The Crescents took one more step closer to that goal with a 4-0 shutout win over the Lady Wildats of Greene County.

Mischa Tice gave OLA a halftime score of 1-0 and scored another goal in the second half to end the game with two goals. Kaitlyn Bosley and Megan Bagwell added one goal each to round out the scoring. Annie Giardino recorded the shutout in goal.

Megan Flynt, who endured brain surgery last year, enjoyed her second game back in the lineup for the Crescents in the first round playoff game. Flynt defied all odds of playing soccer again in her comeback as she now switches from an "assistant coach" position to her natural forward position on the field.

OLA head coach Christi Elias commented, "We might be a young team but we do have experience in the playoffs. We worked very hard in practice this past week and focused on this not being our last game. Our execution was an asset for us tonight. There is also a buzz around the team with Megan Flynt coming back into our lineup. She wanted so badly to comeback and the girls wanted the same for her."

She has been an inspiration to us all in more ways than can be understood at this point. Amanda Meyers is our key playmaker and she has bounced back from a foot injury. Annie Giardino in goal and Margaret Hadden at sweeper have been constant stalwarts for us all season. We attribute much of our success to our defensive pressure. I am proud of our perseverance because of all the things stacked against us with injuries, the storm, lost players, etc. This team has always believed when others have not."

The Crescents will take to the road to play Cathedral on Saturday. If they win, the Crescents will host the South State championship game on Tuesday, February 7th against the winner of the Wesson/Sacred Heart game.

The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws (7-8, 3-5) tangled with Long Beach (16-8, 8-2) on the hard wood again on Tuesday night. The Rocks battled hard but fell just shy of the win with a 45-41 defeat. Joseph Burnett sank four-of-four free throws for the Bearcats in the final minute to make the difference.

Long Beach head coach Boq Hardy stated, "Joseph Burnett stepped up for us when we needed it. I told this team that SSC and Jay Ladner would be ready to compete. My hat goes off to Jay Ladner, his team and his school for all they have been through and continuing to struggle with. His teams are always ready to play and take it to you till the final buzzer. We are fortunate to get this win."

The Rocks were down 26-15 at halftime but surged in the third period to take a 35-34 lead heading into the fourth period. Josh Morgan and Brandon Butler led the charge in the third with 6 points and 5 points, respectively.

It was a defensive struggle in the fourth period and came down to Burnett's charity shots to decide the game.

SSC head coach Jay Ladner stated, "We played well in the second half but just did not get a break late in the fourth with some missed shots. We were there at the end but couldn't get it to fall. We are getting better and looking forward to getting back at it."

Mike Rice led the Rocks with 12 points followed by Josh Morgan, Jeremiah Morgan and Brandon Butler with 8 points each. Kelly Mbadugha added five points. Owen McNally paced Long Beach with 15 points.

The Pass Christian Pirates defeated the Hancock Hawks (6-7) 44-36 on Tuesday night. Willis Brownlee led Pass Christian with 24 points followed by Armad Bailey with 17 points. Noah Heitzmann paced Hancock with 28 points. No score was available for the girls game.

The Bay High Tigers defeated Poplarville 57-53 on Tuesday night. No scoring details were available.

In upcoming high school basketball action, the Rocks hosted Poplarville on Friday night and will travel to Pearl River Central on Saturday evening. The Bay High Tigers played Pass Christian while the Hawks tangled with Gulfport on Friday.



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Pearl River's Wildcats snatched sole possession of first place in the MACJC South Division after wiping out East Central 71-53 here Monday in the Poplarville High School gymnasium. The two teams entered the battle with identical 5-1 league marks, but PRCC proved

too much for the Warriors; boasting 35-25 and 36-28 advantages in the first and second halves, respectively.

The Wildcats improved to 12-6 overall and 6-1 in the division, while East Central fell to 14-4 and 5-2. The Lady Wildcats, on the other hand, fell to 2-16 and 1-6

via their 76-61 loss to the Lady Warriors. ECCJC's women, second in the division race, improved to 13-5 and 6-1.

Wildcat head coach Richard Mathis lauded his team's performance.

"We played really well against a very good basketball team," Mathis said. "It was one of our

best defensive efforts of the entire year and we completely shut down their inside game. It was a really good win that gives us sole possession of first place in the South. We're just concentrating on winning the division, getting into the (state) tournament, and see what happens."

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WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust, and the legal holder of said indebtedness, First National Bank of Playune, having requested the undersigned Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder together with attorney's fees and expense of sale.

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ESTATE OF FRANK BENEDICT

SPINATO, DECEASED

BY

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CAUSE NO. C2301-06-024(4)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE is hereby given that Letters

Testamentary on the Estate of FRANK

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SPINATO, deceased, were granted to

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claims to the Clerk of said Court and

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OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

NANCY L. KERN, DECEASED

BY

RICHARD KERN and

FLORINE PASSANTINO, Petitioners

NO. C2301-06-029(3)

CO-EXECUTORS' NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Pursuant to Section 91-7-145, MISSISSIPPI

CODE OF 1972

WE, RICHARD KERN and FLORINE

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Estate of Nancy L. Kern, deceased,

Cause No. C2301-06-029(3), Chancery

Court of Hancock County, Mississippi,

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Mississippi, within ninety days after

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Notice of Creditors will bar your claim.

This the 17th day of January, 2006.

Richard Kern, Co-Executor

Florine Passantino, Co-Executor

01/21/06; 02/01/06

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Prepared by: Chere Hayward

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

Charles A. Hernandez, Sr.,

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EXECUTRIX

CIVIL ACTION NO. C2301-06-046(2)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been

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St. Clare -- consolidation

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"During this week honoring Catholic Schools, I am pleased to announce a plan for the rebuilding of our Catholic elementary schools destroyed by Hurricane Katrina," he said.

Under the plan, St. Clare and Bay Catholic will consolidate at Bay Catholic's current facilities in Bay St. Louis; and St. Paul School in Pass Christian and St. Thomas the Apostle School of Long Beach will continue as a combined school but will locate in a new school facility to be built at the site of Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

"This plan reflects the effort to locate Catholic schools in areas accessible to the students ...," Rodi said. "The plan is a result of consultation with principals, school advisory councils, the Diocesan School Advisory Council, pastors, and others."

"As bishop, this process has been personally difficult," Rodi said. "Although we have been studying our Catholic schools since 2002, Hurricane Katrina forced us to develop plans and decisions about the future of certain schools at this time."

Now, because of Katrina's destruction, it is time to rebuild Catholic schools in the way which best uses the resources of our parishes,

and serves the people of our parishes now and into the future. Considerable time, study and prayer have been devoted to this process and I am convinced that this plan is the best possible one."

Rodi said the new St. Clare/Bay Catholic combined school will include faculty and staff members from both of the current schools, but no decisions have yet been made regarding who or how many.

"I welcome (the consolidation) with open arms," Bay Catholic Principal Janet Buras said yesterday. "This has been a year of change, a year of challenges, and a year of new beginnings."

"Look at it as an opportunity to combine our resources and our talents and use them in the best interests of our children."

Currently, Bay Catholic has 245 students enrolled; St. Clare, approximately 121. Buras said the Bay Catholic site could comfortably accommodate up to 450 children.

At St. Clare, the mood is a little more somber.

Both the school and the church were destroyed by Katrina. Classes are now held in Quonset huts. Still, the faculty, parents and students have maintained a close bond.

"We're disappointed," St. Clare's Barbara Landry said Friday. "We're very saddened because St. Clare is our home. Despite the fact that we're conducting school in Quonset huts, it's still a very special place."

"Our plan is to carry on here until the end of the school year and go out with dignity."

"I think it's terrible for the whole county," Charlie West, St. Clare alumnus and parent of a current student at the school, said yesterday. "As a father, I (now) have only one choice in Hancock County if I want to send my child to a parochial school."

"St. Clare was one of the reasons I moved back here (from Memphis). I had multiple parochial schools to choose from. It just doesn't seem right."

"We are sad," West's wife Carmen said yesterday. "Many parents attended elementary school there, and one of my good friends said the other day, 'You know, I have no childhood memories left after the storm. This was our last chance to preserve something, and it's gone, and the storm didn't take it away.'"

Carmen was said one of the parents' biggest concerns is they way they got the news — through the media

after the press conference.

"We're just very upset that we were not consulted," she said. "We're not that opposed to the consolidation, but we weren't offered an opportunity to give our input ... Who's going to be the principal? Who's going to be the teachers? There's a lot of information that's not being conveyed, and that's bothersome. ... It's not the staff or the teachers' fault — they don't know anything, either."

"We're frustrated because we didn't get a chance to voice our opinions. We just feel as though we have no choice."

Both Carmen and Charlie West said they're concerned that the consolidated school will not offer the same close-knit community and personal attention the children currently enjoy at St. Clare.

"There's something about St. Clare that's just so special," Carmen said. "Honest to God, it's a family unto itself. It's just a personal, warm place — it's the most loving community. In the two years that my child has gone to school there, I've fallen in love with the place."

"It hurts that this has happened after the beating we all took. It just feels like we're being kicked when we're down."

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